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SUBJ: AMERICAN OPPONENT OF ENHANCED RADIATION/BLAST WEAPON
SPEAKS OUT IN STOCKHOLM

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. DAGENS NYHETER ON MARCH 30 PUBLISHED INTERVIEW WITH DANIEL ELLSBERG, DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLE AS A CHIEF AMERICAN CRITIC OF THE SO-CALLED NEUTRON BOMB, WHO OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND ON A FULL-TIME BASIS, HAS BEEN CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF THIS WEAPON. IN THE ARTICLE, ELLSBERG SAID HE DOUBTED THAT THE NEUTRON BOMB WOULD BE USED IN EUROPE WHERE THE US MILITARY SAYS IT IS NEEDED. ELLSBERG SAID IT WAS FAR MORE LIKELY AND A GREATER DANGER THAT IT WOULD BE USED AGAINST AN ENEMY UNABLE TO RESPOND WITH A SIMILAR WEAPON. THERE IS ALSO THE DANGER THAT THE USE OF THE NEUTRON BOMB WOULD OPEN THE
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DOOR TO THE USE OF MORE TRADITIONAL NUCLEAR ARMS BY THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH POSSESSED THEM. ELLSBERG EMPLOYED A DOOMS-DAY APPROACH THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW, DECLARING THAT THE ER/RB IS THE MATCH THAT CAN IGNITE THE WORLD AND THREATEN LIFE ON EARTH ITSELF. WHILE STATING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WAS A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER HIS IMMEDIATE PREDECESSORS, ELLSBERG SAID, "IT WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED DEGRADING FOR ME TO

SAY ON TELEVISION THAT CARTER IS LYING ABOUT THE NEUTRON BOMB".
HE SAID HE BELIEVES THAT CARTER, IF THE VIETNAM CONFLICT WERE
STILL IN PROCESS, WOULD BE PREPARED TO USE THE NEUTRON BOMB
TO END THAT WAR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE,
ELLSBERG IS IN STOCKHOLM PROBABLY AS THE GUEST OF CERTAIN
SWEDISH PEACE ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE MAIN ACTIVITY NOW IS TO
CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ER/RB WEAPON. SOURCE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD
ELLSBERG WAS IN AMSTERDAM MARCH 18-19 TO PARTICIPATE IN AN
ANTI-NEUTRON BOMB MANIFESTATION BUT THAT THE COMMUNIST ORGAN-
IZERS HAD PREVENTED ELLSBERG FROM ADDRESSING THAT MEETING
WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED HE WOULD ALSO CRITICIZE THE SOVIETS
FOR STEPPING UP THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, USING THE SS-20 WEAPON
AS AN EXAMPLE. MFA HAD BEEN INFORMED BY GITA AHLBERG, A LEADER
OF THE RADICAL SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC-ORIENTED SWEDISH PEACE
COUNCIL, THAT SHE WAS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE A NORDIC TOUR FOR
ELLSBERG AND WISHED TO HAVE ELLSBERG MEET WITH FM SODER.
SOURCE SAID THIS REQUEST WAS TURNED DOWN IMMEDIATELY. SOURCE
SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO AHLBERG, BOTH SHE AND ELLSBERG HAD
BEEN THE "OBJECT OF THREATENING TREATMENT" AT THE AMSTERDAM
MEETING. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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